

Leicester, August 11. '65.

Dear friend Webb,

I am wanting to send the enclosed, in acknowledgement of a contribution to the Freedmen's Aid Society; and will thank you to post it, (mail it as we say,) & to correct the address if correction be needed. - I had a short but very pleasant note yesterday from Mary Estlin & E. Wigham, both together at the time of writing at the latter's house. I am very glad Mary E. has had the journey into Scotland, & trust it will prove a benefit to her health. - I beg to say to you that, so long as I live I am capable, I hope you will always send freely to me for any service I can render you here. Do not think I am less ready than before; & if it is more convenient to send "Standard" money through my hands, pray do so. I can readily make it over to Mr. Bowditch, as Treas^r of the Am^{er} Socy, whose office is in Boston. - I am trying still to get fr. Alfred the Autographs of Mr. Lincoln. I am surprised to find how scarce they are. I don't believe he often wrote that kind of notes, letters, &c. which are worth to go into autog. collecting. Who can be the author of an English book called The Gentle Life, published in London by Sampson Low, &c.? It is most caustically reviewed in the "Atlantic Monthly" for August, I & (the book's) references to America are unparaphrasably silly.

I have got for you, - & have had for many, a
~~set~~ of the Liberator you wanted to fill out a
set, or as many as the office can now furnish. I
applied thence to the "Standard" office, to get the
of that paper, but do not get them yet. I have
also asked the parties you named, Long Snice, for
photographs for Prof. Cairnes, &c. but do not yet
get them. I have not lost sight of it, & do not
give up my hope of fulfilling your request. -
We are daily expecting G. Thompson to make
a visit. He is now in Vermont, where he has
been giving one or more addresses before literary
societies, &c. at the Annual Commencement
of Middlebury College. He is not very well,
fear from what I hear, that his business operations
in this country are not likely to prove lucrative.
family are as well as usual - my own health
My son Edw. keeps very well. My younger son
has suffered a good deal from fever & ague brought
home from Virginia. He is however at his business
as usual now.

With sincere regard

Yours

Saml. May Jr.

Pray excuse haste & (I dare say) blunders.

(I enclose stamps for postage.)